

Valley of the Moon Amateur Radio Club WIRELESS



FRANKLY SPEAKING!

Hi everyone and welcome back. I think everyone made the BBQ. Thanks to Jim and Judy for all the hard work in making it happen. Coming up next weekend is Young Eagles on Sunday 9-13 at about 9:30. The Cal QSO Party is the first weekend on Oct.

Next week at the meeting, we'll see if we can do my old but never seen presentation, or if not, I've got a new video.

Until then, keep your amps tuned and aerials resonant.

—73, Frank KG6N

NEXT MEETING

Wed, September 16, 2015, 7:30pm
City of Sonoma EOC

MINUTES JULY 15

Meeting was called to order at 7:30ish PM by the honorable President, Frank Wiebusch, KG6N

Members present at the meeting were: KD6FIL (Dave), KG6QNT (Eileen), KA2QQO (Declan), KJ6QIQ (Scott), K6UUW, (Jim), N7PIB (San), K6KLL (Alan), KG6N (Frank), KF6FZM (Dick), KK6TVN (Carl), and KE6HID (Andrew).

Minutes were approved for the June 17 meeting as published in the newsletter.

Report from officers:

President: Thank you to everyone for making Field Day a fun success. We made 551 contacts.

Vice President: Has the hats in stock. No names cost \$10 and with call sign cost \$15.

Treasurer: We have \$4787.06 in the bank and again denied the Procurement Officer's request to go on a shopping spree! We are going to move the newsletter up a week. All information for the newsletter must be submitted by Wednesday, 2 weeks before the meeting (1st Wednesday of the month).

We can put for sale items in the newsletter if you submit the information to the club secretary, KD6FIL

Secretary: Nothing to report.

ACS: There was a unit leader meeting on July 27.

Website: Looks good, send updates to KD6FIL.

Old Business

Mystery Box: The mystery box made its way back to the meeting. KF6FZM was the lucky winner of the Mystery box this month.

Young Eagles: The Young Eagles Event on July 12 did not work for VOMARC members and we cancelled the demonstration station. Next month Young Eagles is on Sunday, August 9.

New Business

VOMARC summer BBQ: The summer BBQ is scheduled for August 29 at 5 PM at the home of

K6UUW. There will not be a regular meeting in August.

N6P: The International Lighthouse and Lightship weekend is August 15 and 16 and VOMARC is signed up to have a station at Point Reyes Lighthouse again. We are listed in the August edition of QST under Special Events

Big Thank You to K6KLL and KJ6QIQ!!!:

Everyone wanted to be sure to say thank you to Alan and Scott for spearheading the VOMARC hats. They are great. See KJ6QIQ if you would like a hat. Hats with your call sign had to be special ordered and cost \$15 and other hats are \$10.

Solar Panels: A motion was made, seconded and approved to purchase a solar panel kit that is on sale at Harbor Freight for \$130. This is a 3 panel – 45 watt – 12 volt system with a charge controller. KD6FIL said that he would pick it up.

Future Meeting Presentation: EBARC had a presentation on Summits on the Air. K6UUW was going to check to see if that person would like to come up and make a presentation to VOMARC.

The meeting was adjourned at 1950ish hours.

There were issues with the presentation because the DVD player did not work. Next time KD6FIL will bring a laptop with a DVD player!

—Respectfully submitted by Dave KD6FIL

The Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015 Gains Momentum, Cosponsor List Tops 90

Keep those letters coming! According to the ARRL Regulatory Affairs Office, more than 4300 letters have been received from League members since the Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015 grassroots campaign began in March. All urge their members in both branches of Congress to become cosponsors of the bill. More letters are in the queue, and the

correspondence seems to be having the desired effect.

As of July 29, H.R. 1301 had attracted 94 cosponsors, with 8 signing on since mid-July. The League has a [combined web page](#) to provide a clearinghouse for all information on the identical pieces of legislation now in play in the US House and Senate. The Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015 would direct the FCC to extend its rules relating to reasonable accommodation of Amateur Service communications to private land-use restrictions. The FCC has been reluctant to extend those legal protections without direction from Congress.

(From ARRL newsletter)

—Submitted by Jim K6UUW

ARRL President Expects Parity Act House Bill Cosponsorships to Top 100 Soon

ARRL President Kay Craigie, N3KN, expects to see the list of cosponsors for the US House version of the [Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015](#) - H.R. 1301 -- top 100 soon after Congress reconvenes following its August recess. As of August 27, the measure had attracted 94 cosponsors. A US Senate version of the bill -- S. 1685 -- also has been introduced. President Craigie again encouraged ARRL members to urge their congressional delegations to cosponsor the bills. Summertime ARRL conventions have also been affording more members a chance to make their voices heard. The Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015 [page](#) on the ARRL website has complete information on how to become involved. (from ARRL newsletter) (At the monthly breakfast, Bill Hillendahl, KH6 GIV, SF Section Manager, stressed the importance of getting more sponsors on board to get this bill past.

If you have not already done so, go to the link and send a letter to your representative.)

—Submitted by Jim K6UUW

VOMARC Equipment Purchases



Solar panels and charger, putting out about 14 volts.

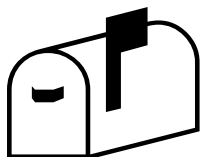
(Photos by Dave KD6FIL)

VOMARC Summer Picnic

—Photos submitted by Jim K6UUW



KD6FIL: Ready to operate in a park next to the Dunkeld Cathedral, Scotland.



WE GET EMAIL...

For Sale

HT CS-700 Radio full key pad and programming cable and extra Battery, Speaker Mike, and charger.

- This is a DMR UHF from 403 to 470 MHZ
- can be set up on Digital or analog
- 2000 memory channels
- Lap top programming only.

Brand new with original packaging. Asking price is: \$250.00 Please contact Andrew at: ke6hid.arrl.org if you are interested.

The ARRL September VHF Contest Beckons!

The [ARRL September VHF Contest](http://www.arrl.org/contests/SeptemberVHFContest) gets under way on September 12 at 1800 UTC and wraps up on September 14 at 0259 UTC. This operating event provides a chance for radio amateurs at all levels to experience contesting on the most popular VHF and UHF bands, as well as on those less-frequented frequencies above 450 MHz. (from ARRL newsletter)

—Submitted by Jim K6UUW

Cars get hacked.

You may have heard or seen the stories in the news about a Jeep Cherokee being able to be taken over by 'hackers.' Here's an [in-depth article \(PDF\) by the researchers that were funded by DARPA to do this very thing](#), including description of the vulnerable systems, and methods used.

(from ARRL contest letter)

Are our rigs next??) Jim

—Submitted by Jim K6UUW

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Ken McTaggart, N6KM – Station Trustee for W6AJF

Eileen Adams, KG6QNT – Webmeistress, Editor

"Receipt of the Wireless is one of the most sought after benefits of membership in VOMARC."—S. Marler

CLUB MEETINGS are held on the third Wednesday of each month at the City of Sonoma Police Department EOC 175 1st St West. Meetings start at 19:30 local (7:30 P.M.).

WEB PAGE: <http://www.vomarc.org/>

Nets are held every Wednesday night at 19:30 (7:30 P.M.) local, except meeting nights on the 145.350 repeater, -600 kHz, PL 88.5 Hz.

ACS holds a net each Monday evening at 19:30 local on the 146.205, +600, PL 88.5 Hz repeater.

PACKET STATION INFO: The VOMARC packet station is off the air until further notice.

CLUB BREAKFASTS are held on the first Saturday of each month at Palms Grill (formerly Issa's) Restaurant, 18999 Sonoma Highway, Sonoma. The fun starts at 09:30 local.

Comments and submissions of material may be sent to:

Eileen@vom.com

—or—

Valley of the Moon ARC, Inc.

C/O Sonoma Police Department
175 First Street West
Sonoma, CA 95476

**2015 ACS
Net Control Assignments**

	Name	Call
JANUARY	MOE	KI6JNU
FEBRUARY	SCOTT	KJ6QIQ
MARCH	SCOTT	KJ6QIQ
APRIL	JIM	K6UUW
MAY	DICK	KF6FZM
JUNE	MOE	KI6JNU
JULY	KEN	N6KN
AUGUST	GILL	KJ6EIG
SEPTEMBER	SAM	W5LTP
OCTOBER	DICK	FK6FZM
NOVEMBER	MIKE	WB6TMH
DECEMBER	DARREL	WD6BOR

**2015 VOMARC
Net Control Assignments**

	Name	Call
JANUARY	SCOTT	KJ6QIQ
FEBRUARY	JIM	K6UUW
MARCH	MOE	KI6JNU
APRIL	DAVE	KD6FIL
MAY	ED	W1EJ
JUNE	FRANK	KG6N
JULY	MOE	KI6JNU
AUGUST		
SEPTEMBER	SAM	W5LTP
OCTOBER	DICK	KF6FZM
NOVEMBER	MIKE	WB6TMH
DECEMBER	DARREL	WD6BOR

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE THE SEPTEMBER 16, 7:30PM AT THE CITY OF SONOMA EOC, 175 1ST ST
WEST, SONOMA
SEE YOU THERE.**

VOMARC MEMBERSHIP

VOMARC 2015 Membership Dues: \$15/year individual; \$5/year family member at same address.

VOMARC encourages its members to join the ARRL. More information is available at www.arrl.org.

QST is available to blind and physically handicapped individuals on audio cassette from the Library of Congress, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Call 1-800-424-8567.

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Address: _____ APT: _____

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VOMARC Membership: Complimentary with Class—Date: _____

Membership Moment, From the Database Queen:

Dues may be mailed to VOMARC in care of the Sonoma Police Department, 175 1st St West, CA 95476, or brought to the next meeting.

Your check should be made payable to: **VOMARC.**